

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 1-26 were rejected. By the present Response, claim 18 has been amended. Claims 11-12, 19-23 and 26 have been canceled. The specification has also been amended to add an Appendix. No new matter has been added. Upon entry of the amendments, claims 1-10, 13-18, and 24-25 will be pending in the present patent application. Reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims are requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 11-12, 19-23 and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C §101 because they are directed to non-statutory subject matter. By the present Response, claims 11-12, 19-23 and 26 have been canceled. Thus, it is respectfully requested that the rejection under 35 U.S.C §101 be withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim Rejections

The Examiner rejected claims 18-23 under 35 U.S.C § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

By the present response, claim 18 has been amended. Claim 18 now recites: "A feature extractor comprising means for receiving an event log from an input device for producing a reduced data set event log". The claim is believed to more clearly conform to the PTO rules and practice. Claims 19-23 have been canceled.

Specification

The Examiner rejected the disclosure under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as Appendix 2 could not be found in the specification. Applicants respectfully submit that Appendix 2 has been appended to this amendment. Appendix 2 merely presents a reduced data set of

Appendix 1, and is not believed necessary to satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. However, the data, fully supported by the originally filed application papers, is believed to provide a useful example of such a reduced data set. The inclusion of Appendix 2 does not constitute new matter. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to include Appendix 2 in the application.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 1-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Ploetz (U.S. Patent 6,738,798, hereinafter "Ploetz"). Claims 1, 9, 13, 18 and 24 are independent. All of the recited claims are believed to be patentable as cited below.

Ploetz fails to disclose the automatically copying portions of the examination and series data from the event log to produce the reduced data set event log

Applicants respectfully submit that Ploetz fails to disclose automatically copying portions of the examination data and series data from the event log to produce the reduced data set event log. The system, as disclosed by Ploetz, automatically determines when either the amount of data in the most recent reception or the time between the two most recent data receptions has changed in a way that requires remedial action (*See*, abstract). The system comprises an administration tool that is adapted to perform the function of event logging and reporting. The administration tool can generate various reports such as New Customer Tracker reports, Expiring Customer Tracker reports, etc. (*See*, column 14, lines 37-65, column 16 lines 39-67). However, Ploetz fails to teach automatically copying portions of the examination data and series data from the event log to produce the reduced data set event log.

Because Ploetz fails to teach automatically copying portions of the examination data and series data from the event log to produce the reduced data set event log, the reference cannot anticipate claims 1, 9, 13, 18 and 24, all of which include such recitations. Moreover, Ploetz cannot render the prior art obvious as Ploetz is not

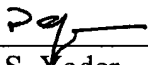
available under 35 U.S.C. § 103(c) as Ploetz was filed on June 1, 2000 and is assigned to the General Electric Company. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1, 9, 13, 18 and 24 and claims depending therefrom are allowable and respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims.

Conclusion

In view of the remarks and amendments set forth above, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims. If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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Appendix 2 -- Reduced Data Set Event Log

EXAM 1996/08/28 07:49:50 1996/08/28 08:35:35 P00005913
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 SERIES 1996/08/28 08:11:28 Tomo Lung 43
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 SERIES 1996/08/28 11:58:40 Tomo Abdomen 24
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